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## **Amendments to the Claims:**

The claims below replace all prior versions and listings, of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended) A method for removing red-eye effect in a digital image, comprising:

detecting automatically at least one candidate red-eye region within the digital image;

presenting the at least one candidate red-eye region to a user;

animatedly presenting the at least one candidate <u>red-eye region</u> as a magnified view in a center of a display screen;

animatedly updating the digital image as a user navigates to a different candidate red-eye region; and

producing a modified digital image by performing red-eye removal in each candidate red-eye region that the user accepts, <u>wherein</u> each candidate red-eye region that the user rejects <u>remaining remains</u> unmodified.

- 2. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising: saving the modified digital image.
- 3. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein a plurality of candidate red-eye regions are detected within the digital image.
- 4. (original) The method of claim 3, wherein the plurality of candidate red-eye regions are presented to the user one at a time.
- 5. (original) The method of claim 3, wherein the plurality of candidate red-eye regions are presented to the user simultaneously.

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- 6. (original) The method of claim 5, wherein a first pair of opposing directional controls is used to select a particular candidate red-eye region and a second pair of opposing directional controls is used to perform one of acceptance and rejection of the particular candidate red-eye region.
- 7. (original) The method of claim 6, wherein the first pair of opposing directional controls comprises horizontal directional controls and the second pair of opposing directional controls comprises vertical directional controls.
- 8. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein an indication is provided that a. selected candidate red-eye region is the Mth candidate red-eye region of N total candidate red-eye regions in the plurality.
- 9. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein presenting the at least one candidate red-eye region to a user comprises marking the at least one candidate red-eye region.
- 10. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein marking the at least one candidate red-eye region comprises enclosing the at least one candidate red-eye region within a geometrical figure.
- 11. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein at least one icon accompanying a selected candidate red-eye region indicates how the user is to accept the selected candidate red-eye region.
- 12. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein at least one icon accompanying a selected candidate red-eye region indicates how the user is to reject the selected candidate red-eye region.

red-eye region;

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- 13. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein an indication is provided of whether the at least one candidate red-eye region has been accepted by the user.
- 14. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein presenting the at least one candidate red-eye region to a user includes zooming in to show an enlarged view of a selected candidate red-eye region.
- 15. (original) The method of claim 14, wherein the enlarged selected candidate red-eye region is automatically centered on a display.
- 16. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein all candidate red-eye regions are accepted simultaneously.
  - 17. (currently amended) An apparatus, comprising:

a memory to store a digital image;

red-eye detection logic to detect automatically at least one candidate red-eye region in the digital image;

a display on which to present the at least one candidate red-eye region to a user; a user interface by which the user indicates whether to accept the at least one candidate red-eye region, wherein the user interface animatedly presents the at least one candidate red-eye region as a magnified view near a center of the display screen and animatedly updates the digital image as a user navigates to a different candidate

red-eye removal logic to produce a modified digital image by performing red-eye removal in each candidate red-eye region that the user accepts, <u>wherein</u> each candidate red-eye region that the user rejects <u>remaining remains</u> unmodified; and

a graphical rejection device configured as an X mark superimposed through a candidate red-eye region not accepted by the user.

18. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 17, further comprising: an imaging module to convert an optical image to the digital image.

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- 19. (original) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the user interface comprises a first pair of opposing directional controls to select a particular candidate red-eye region and a second pair of opposing directional controls to perform one of acceptance and rejection of the particular candidate red-eye region.
- 20. (original) The apparatus of claim 19, wherein the first pair of opposing directional controls comprises horizontal directional controls and the second pair of opposing directional controls comprises vertical directional controls.
- 21. (original) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the user interface is configured to zoom in to show an enlarged view of a selected candidate red-eye region.
- 22. (original) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the user interface is further configured to center the enlarged selected candidate red-eye region on the display.
- 23. (original) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the apparatus is one of a digital camera, a digital camcorder, a personal computer, a workstation, a notebook computer, a laptop computer, and a personal digital assistant.

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24. (currently amended) An apparatus, comprising:

means for storing a digital image;

means for automatically detecting at least one candidate red-eye region in the digital image;

means for presenting the at least one candidate red-eye region to a user;

means for animatedly presenting the at least one candidate <u>red-eye region</u> as a magnified view near a center of a display screen;

means for the user to indicate whether to accept the at least one candidate redeye region;

animatedly updating the digital image as a user navigates to a different candidate red-eye region; and

means for producing a modified digital image by performing red-eye removal in each candidate red-eye region that the user accepts, <u>wherein</u> each candidate red-eye region that the user rejects <u>remaining</u> remains unmodified.

25. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 24, further comprising: means for converting an optical image to the digital image.